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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
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Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding Initiated Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(C): Generic Docket to (1) Investigate and Determine the Costs and Benefits of the Current Net Energy Metering Program and (2) Establish a Methodology for Calculating the Value of the Energy Produced by Customer-Generators  
**Docket Number: 2019-182-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

As you may recall, on December 2, 2019, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") (DEC and DEP are jointly referred to herein as the "Companies") filed a letter with this Commission regarding the procedural issues in the above-referenced proceeding. The Companies indicated that they would provide an update on the status of the discussions surrounding the procedural issues to the Commission prior to the end of the year.

Accordingly, the Companies respectfully submit this status update to the Commission so that the Commission may remain informed of the progress being made on the procedural issues in this docket. The Companies continue to remain in contact with Vote Solar on its proposed procedural path and plan to continue negotiations with Vote Solar. The Companies, together with Vote Solar, have also made contact with certain other interested parties and are in the process of scheduling further discussions, including with additional interested parties, in early January 2020. The Companies respectfully note that no immediate action is required by the Commission, and that active negotiations toward an intended resolution of the procedural issues are and will be taking place.

Sincerely,

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